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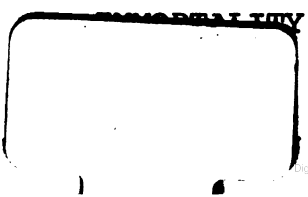

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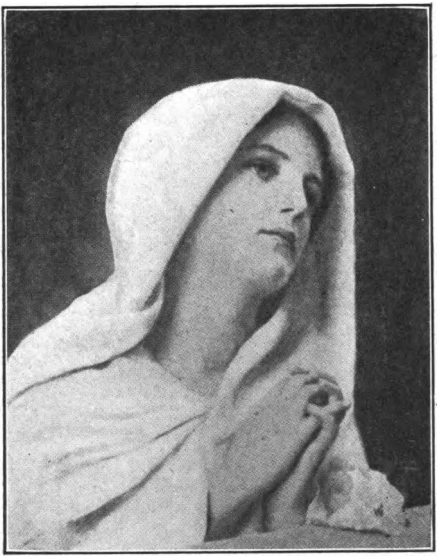

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RECOMPENSE.

We are quite sure
That He will give them back—
  bright, pure and beautiful—
We know He will but keep
Our own and His until we fall
  asleep.

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Madonna di San Sisto

RAPHAEL

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St. Cecilia

CARLO DOLCE

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We know that He does not
mean
To break the strands reaching
between
The Here and There.

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Madonna and Child

COREOS

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He does not mean—though
heaven be fair—
To change the spirits entering
there, that they forget
The eyes upraised and wet,
The lips too still for prayer,
The mute despair.

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Mater Dolorosa

GUIDO RENI

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Virgin and Child

BOUGUEREAU

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He will not take
The spirits which He gave, and
make
The glorified so new
That they are lost to me and
you.

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Santa Barbara

RAPHAEL

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I do believe
They will receive
Us—you and me—and be so
glad
To meet us, that when most I
would grow sad
I just begin to think about that
gladness.

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GROSSE

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St. Agnes

DEL SARTO

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And the day
When they shall tell us all
about the way
That they have learned to
go—
Heaven's pathways show.

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Madonna and Child

FERRUZZI

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My lost, my own, and I
Shall have so much to see
together by and by.

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Immaculate Conception

MURILLO

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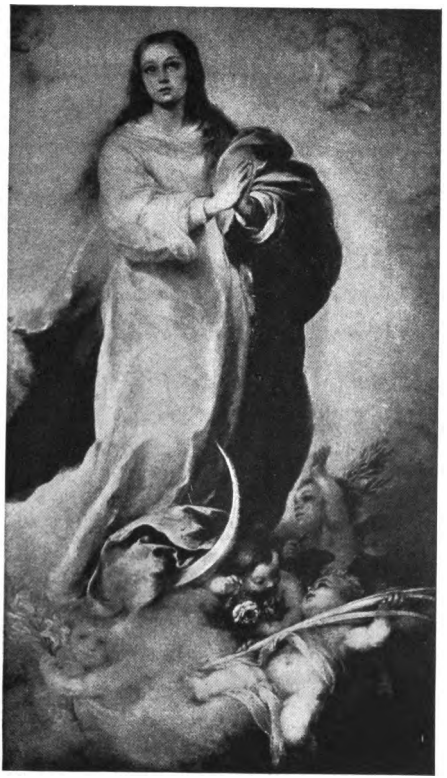

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BALLHEIM

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I do believe that just the
same sweet face,
But glorified, is waiting in the
place
Where we shall meet, if
only I
Am counted worthy in that by
and by.

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Madonna and Child

SICHEL

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I do believe that God will give
a sweet surprise
To tear-stained, saddened
eyes.

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BARABINO

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And that this his heaven will
be
Most glad, most tided through
with joy for you and me,
As we have suffered most.

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Madonna della Sedia

RAPHAEL

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God never made
Spirit for spirit, answering
shade for shade,
And placed them side by
side—
So wrought in one, though
separate, mystified—
And meant to break
The quivering threads between.

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St. Cecilia

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When we shall wake,
I am quite sure, we shall be
very glad
That for a little while we were
so sad.

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Madonna and Child

MURILLO

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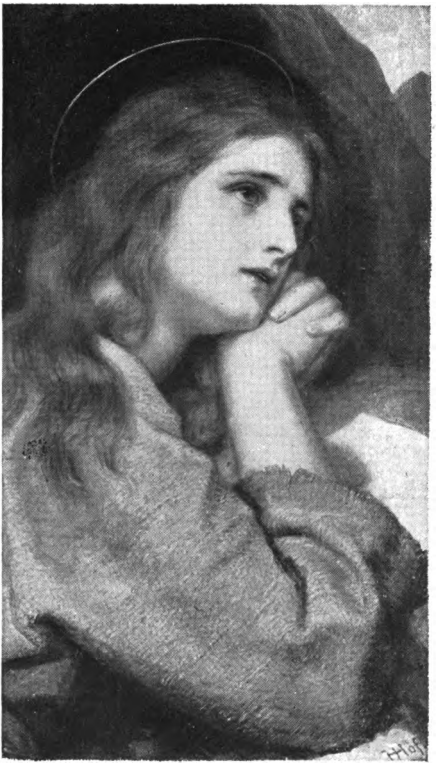

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